

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action dated August 23, 2004, claims 27-46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by US Patent 6,182,094, issued to Humpleman *et al.* (hereafter referred to as "*Humpleman*").

In this Office Action, Applicants amended claims 27, 30-32, 34 and 39-42. Applicants also cancelled claims 28-29, 33, 35-36 and 43-44. Specifically, amended claim 27, an independent claim, includes the limitations of dependent claim 29. Amended claim 30, an independent claim, includes the limitations of dependent claim 35. Amended claim 39, an independent claim, includes the limitations of dependent claim 44. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment because no new claim limitations have been added to the amended claims. All claim limitations were previously presented.

The claims recite a plurality of media devices coupled to a network. The media devices provide one or more services. A first media device on the network transmits a digital content file, such as a digital audio or digital video file, to a second media device.

The digital content file is processed at the second media device, and the processed signals are presented so as to play the digital content file at the second media device. For example, for a digital video file, the second media device generates video signals from the digital video file, and plays the video. For a digital audio file, the second media device generates audio signals, and plays the audio signals at the second media device.

Applicants respectfully content that *Humpleman* does not disclose or suggest a system that transmits, from a first media device to a second media device, a digital video or audio file over a network for processing and presentation of video or audio at the second media device.

Humpleman discloses a networked home media system. The system, as disclosed, generates a program guide by: identifying multi-media material associated with a first home media device, generating an HTML page based on the identified multi-media material, and storing the HTML generated page on the first media device. Then, a second browser-based device, connected to the network, receives the HTML page from the first home media device over the network. The second device renders the HTML page. The HTML page includes control and command information. The HTML files provides a means to integrate control and command information to devices of different manufacturers. *Humpleman* also discloses some level of interoperability. Specifically, a DVCR plays video for display at a DTV.

Humpleman does not disclose or suggest transmitting a digital audio file over a network to a second media device, generating audio signals from the digital audio file at the second network device, and playing the audio at the second network device. (See independent claims 30). Similarly, *Humpleman* does not disclose or suggest transmitting a digital video file over a network to a second media device, generating video signals from the digital video file at the second network device, and playing the video at the second network device. (See independent claims 27 and 39).

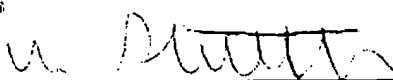
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is requested. Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted.

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